

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:115

ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005

POOR FAMILIES EXCLUDED FROM P.D.S.

Chaure Shri Bapu Hari;Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains distributed to people belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category under the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last three years;
- (b) whether a large number of people belonging to the BPL category are not getting the benefits of this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to remedy the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 115 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The total allocation and offtake of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in respect of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families (including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families who are part of BPL families) during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is as under:

(in lakh tones)

Year	Allocation	Offtake
2002-03	268.99	172.63
2003-04	271.05	199.69
2004-05	273.31	227.38

(b), (c) & (d): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central Government and State Governments. The Central Government is making adequate allocation of foodgrains for the targeted BPL/AAY families. It is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations to identify the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, issue ration cards and distribute the foodgrains to the BPL/AAY households.